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1. The Communist Party in Syria temporarily abandoned all plans for the large-scale demonstrations that they had planned for December 1948. The rioting and demonstrations by the students and the Popular Party at the beginning of the month had taken the Communists by surprise, and they were quite unprepared to take full advantage of the situation. The main goal of the Communist Party now is to capitalize on the proposed amalgamation of the labor syndicates, discussions concerning which were scheduled for the end of December, according to informant. If they succeed to any extent in controlling the syndicates, the Communists will plan over-all strikes, in an effort to upset the present government. 25X1X6 25X1A6a
2. The Communist Party in Damascus has been sending communications to Soviet Minister Solod [redacted] Comment. [redacted] 25X1X6 25X1X6
- [redacted], requesting much greater support during the present period than it has received in the past. The Communists feel that the present situation is promising enough to justify much greater financial and other support than they have been receiving, informant stated. 25X1X6

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